THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir. The two regions pose quite different problems and hence the question of giving priority to one over the other does not arise.

(b) A large number of seminars have been organised both on Himalayan glaciers, and on Antarctica. In these Seminars many papers have been presented for furthering the knowledge of both Antarctica and the Himalayas, with special reference to their glaciers.

Extradition treaty with United Kingdom

*179. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of consideration of extradition treaty with United Kingdom;

(b) whether there is any hitch in finalising the treaty, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the treaty is likely to be signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH). (a) and (b) Since Januar, 1986 legal exports of India and the UK met on four occasions to consider the provisions of a draft Extradition Treaty between the two countries. Although there has been considerable narrowing of differences, no acceptable draft has yet been finalised. The matter is still under consideration.

(c) As soon as a mutually acceptable formulation of the Treaty is finalised.

Integrated perspective transportation plan

*180. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has since prepared a perspective transportation plan integrated with the various sectors of the economy and incorporating emerging technologies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Planning Commission, recognising the need for a long-term planning in the transportation sector has initiated a process for the preparation of a perspective transportation plan duly integrated with the various sectors of the economy. In planning for the future special emphasis is being placed on technological upgradation with a view to absorb emerging technologies and improve productivity and efficiency of the services. The Commission has set up a Steering Committee, which in turn has initiated several studies the results of which should provide the requisite input for their report and thus future planning.

Financial allocation to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

@1011. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

@Previously Unstarred Question 591 transferred from the 2nd May, 1988.